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RE: OSDF Borrow Area Strategy

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) borrow area strategy report for the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF). The report describes existing conditions in the east field borrow area, borrow material requirements for the OSDF, borrow area excavation, and the restoration concept for the east field borrow area.

The borrow area strategy report appears adequate and U.S. EPA approves the report. However, there is one issue that needs to be addressed. The excavation schedule requires that clay material be excavated, processed, stockpiled, and tested one year before it is needed in the OSDF. The report should be revised to explain that the excavated clay will be covered to protect it from storm events.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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